

Telegraphic News.

From Gen. Sigel's Division.

[Dispatch to the Washington Chronicle.]

GENERAL SIGEL'S HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 24, 6 P. M.—There can be no doubt that the whole of the Northwestern part of Virginia has been abandoned by the Confederates.—Their feint on Sigel's corps d'armee not having succeeded in drawing the Federal forces out, they have withdrawn their troops for the immediate defence of Richmond.

Jackson has undoubtedly taken his whole force to Richmond.

A few of White's guerillas are hovering about Leesburg, Mt. Gilead, and Martinsburg.

There are no Confederates at Winchester, Berryville, or Snicker's Gap.

The Confederates have evacuated Warren-ton.

All Quiet on Sunday.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, }
FALMOUTH, VA., November 23, P. M. }

The day has passed off quietly, without anything worthy of note transpiring. The church bells in Fredericksburg were ringing to-day at the hour of Divine worship, although most of the inhabitants had fled from the doomed city. A great many wounded soldiers are seen walking through the city to-day, probably for the purpose of attending church. During last night the enemy's works were somewhat extended, but no additional guns are visible.

COMPULSORY.—CARROLLTON, Ky., November 12.—The people of Prestonville, Ky., tore down the union flag about a year ago, and put up a Confederate flag in its place, and declared that another Union flag should never float in that town again. Colonel Isaac P. Grey, of the 4th Indiana Cavalry, came that way the other day, and issued an order that the citizens of Prestonville should make with their own hands a Union flag and put it upon the pole where they had the Confederate flag, and have it flying by nine o'clock on Saturday morning. They begged hard to have a flag furnished them, but the Colonel said: "No; you tore down the Union flag, and you shall replace it. If you do it voluntarily, all right; if not I will drive you together, and compell you to make it." When Saturday morning came it was hoisted.

A woman, closely veiled, called at the house of a Mrs. Duman, in New York, just after dark on Saturday night, and as soon as the occupant, an old lady, came to the door, a phial of vitriol was dashed upon her person. Luckily, it missed her face, or it probably would have been the death of her. As it was, her dress was nearly burnt off her person. The woman was off soon as the bottle was thrown.

The New York coroner's investigation into the circumstances attending the death of Miss Clementina Anderson has resulted in a verdict of the jury against Dr. Edward M. Brown, the alleged abortionist and Augustus L. Simms, as accessory.

Signor Michel Pastacaldi, one of the most popular Italian merchants of New York, died a few days ago. He came to this country twenty years ago as a wealthy traveler, and admiring our institutions, took up his residence here, and became a successful merchant.

On Friday, President Lincoln, in the course of an interview with unconditional Union Kentuckians, discussed at length the question of Emancipation. He said that he would rather die than take back a word of the Proclamation of Freedom, and he dwelt upon the advantages to the Border States of his scheme for the gradual abolishment of Slavery, which he urged them to bring fairly before their people.

Strong brown paper is now manufactured at the Salisbury Paper Mills, in Orange county, from "cat tails," the product of the wild flag growing in low grounds all over the north.

The investigation with respect to frauds perpetrated by contractors in connivance with clerks and others in the service of the Government, prosecuted, as we are assured, vigorously by the officer who has the matter in charge. Disclosures will at the proper time be made that will astound the public.

The Washington Republican says: "Just at this time, when there seems to be an apprehension on the part of some that Jackson will attempt a foray upon the city, it may not be amiss to state that extensive and important improvements are being made in and around the fortifications of Washington, indicating a determination on the part of the government to provide an effective defence, equal to any emergency."

A military Court of Inquiry, consisting of Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace and Brigadier Gens. Schofield and Tyler, is to convene at Indianapolis the coming week, to inquire into Maj. Gen. Buell's late campaign in Kentucky.

It is said that the trial of the "Stafford projectiles" at the Washington Navy Yard, yesterday, demonstrated that, with them, iron-clad vessels will be as vulnerable as wooden walls, and that these guns can destroy the most powerful iron fleet in the world.

The numerous friends of the Rev. John Hersey will learn with regret that he departed this life at Penningtonville, Pa., on the 17th inst., in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Hersey was a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but traveled extensively in various States of the Union; he also visited Africa some years since as a missionary.

It was reported at the N. Y. Police headquarters on Saturday that Superintendent Kennedy has declared his intention of resigning, not for anything he has done in the Brinsmade case; but for the disposition which, he thinks, has been shown by his associates to make a scrape boat of him.

LIBERTY HALL.—The reception of the Misses Mortimer and Pennoyer last night was a compliment which these two artistesses may well feel proud of, for not only was every seat occupied but every available standing place in the spacious hall had its claimant. The "Gipsy's Lay" was the decided feature of the programme last night, and it is to be repeated to-night, it is expected a perfect jam will greet its performance, therefore, all are advised, who wish a good seat, to go early.

OFFICE OF THE GREAT FALLS MAN'G CO., }
Washington, D. C., Nov. 20, 1862 }

AT this day's meeting of the Board of Directors, an assessment of one dollar per share was declared on the capital stock of the Great Falls Manufacturing Company, payable on the 15th day of January, 1863, at the office of the company in this city. By order of the Board of Directors, JOHN CARROLL BRENT, Secretary.
Washington, Nov 24—10t

Retaliation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

RICHMOND, November 17, 1862. }

Lieutenant General T. J. Holmes, Commanding Trans-Mississippi Department:

General—Enclosed you will find a slip from the Memphis Daily Appeal, of the 2d instant, containing an account purporting to be derived from the Palmyra (Missouri) Courier, a Federal journal, of the murder of ten Confederate citizens of Missouri, by order of General McNeil of the United States army.

You will communicate by flag of truce with the Federal officer commanding that Department, and ascertain if the facts are as stated.—If they be so, you will demand the immediate surrender of Gen. McNeil to the Confederate authorities, and if this demand is not complied with, you will inform said commanding officer that you are ordered to execute the first ten United States officers who may be captured and fall into your hands.

Very respectfully, yours,

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The Washington Republican says:—"Gen. Lee was made acquainted with the order from the War Office to Gen. Burnside, to move upon Fredericksburg, almost as soon as Burnside himself knew that his suggestion was approved at headquarters."

MARRIED.

On the 24th inst., DAVID BROWN, esq., to Miss LAURA VIRGINIA TUCKER, all of Washington.

DIED.

In this city, on Saturday, Nov. 22d, MARY ALICE, youngest daughter of Henry L. and Julia H. Simpson, aged 17 years. Never have the mysterious dispensations of Divine Providence been more truly visible than in the death of this estimable young lady, as to all human appearances, a long and useful life was before her. Blessed by nature with rare intellectual endowments, and an amiability of disposition, which attracted all within the range of her acquaintance, she has left behind her the influence of a character without a fault, as was testified by one who knew her long and intimately, and who performed the last sad rites over her lifeless remains. But while we drop a tear of sorrow over the grave of this lovely and gifted one, and mourn her early departure from our midst, we are cheered by the thought that she dwells in that brighter and better world, "Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

In Washington, on Sunday evening, 23d inst., GEO. W. BRAY, in the 48th year of his age.

\$10 REWARD.—Lost, on Monday evening, November 24th, near the Empire House, on King street, a WALLET, containing sutler memorandums and Southern money. The finder will receive a reward of \$10, by leaving it at the Empire House, 299 King street.
nov 25—1t* HENRY BECKER.

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